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September 14th, 1917

Dear Colonel Patterson:

Through the generosity of Colonel Albert Cooderham the University of Toronto has been provided with laboratories and an attached farm for the purposes of manufacturing sera, anti-toxins, and vaccines for the prevention of such diseases as meningitis, tetanus, diphtheria and small-pox. Already the manufacute has been carried through on a very large scale, so large indeed that the Provincial Government of Ontario is able to supply these remedies free throughout the Province. They are also distributed at very low cost to several of the other Provinces of the Dominion. The work therefore is practically a dominion-wide work. In addition to conducting the manufacture of these products it is intedded to carry on research in these laboratories in regard to other diseases so that these laboratories may become for Canada what the Lister Institute and Pasteur Institute have been for other countries.

The gift is a very munificent one and the work is so important that His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, consented to have his name attached to the laboratories, and they are called "The Connaught Laboratories of the University of Toronto". We wish to have a formal opening of the laboratories before the fine weather of the autumn comes to an end, by preference some time in the weeks of October beginning 8th and 15th, except 18th, 19th and 20th of October.

The Board of Governors desire very strongly that His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire should be present at the formal opening of these Laboratories, and have authorised me to extend an invitation to His Excellency to be present. If it is at all possible for him to come I shall be glad if you will let me know what dates are most convenient for His Excellency.

Yours sincerely,

President.

Colonel Henderson,
Military Secretary to the
Governor-General,
Ottawa.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

15th September, 1917.,

Dear Sir Robert,

I submitted your letter of 14th September to His Excellency and he would be very pleased to formally open the Laboratories on the 25th October. I can place the afternoon at your disposal for this purpose. In the morning, however, His Excellency has an engagement. I would request that you submit any proposals you may have to make in connection with this opening in order that I may discuss the matter with His Excellency.

Yours faithfully,

J.G. Henderson
Lt.Colonel,
Military Secretary

Dr Sir Robert Falconer,
K.C.M.G.,
University of Toronto,
TORONTO.,

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

19th September, 1917.,

Dear Sir Robert,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant and to inform you that the suggestions therein made for the proceedings on October 25th meet with His Excellency's approval.

Yours faithfully,

H.G. Henderson
Lt.Colonel,
Military Secretary.,

Dr Sir Robert Falconer,
K.C.M.G., &c &c
University of Toronto
TORONTO.,

September 18th, 1917

Dear Colonel Henderson:

I have to thank you for your letter of the 15th September in which you tell me that His Excellency has been pleased to accede to our request, and open the Connaught Laboratories. Will you be kind enough to express to His Excellency our very thanks?

The 25th of October will suit us very well, and the afternoon is the portion of the day that we should in any case have wished to set apart for our purposes. I think we shall make three o'clock the opening hour, and I should expect that His Excellency would not require to stay at the Laboratories more than an hour or perhaps an hour and a half. It will be necessary to drive out and in.

The proceedings would be somewhat as follows: Colonel Cockerline will make the formal presentation of the Laboratories to the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the University, Sir Edmund Walker, who will then ask His Excellency formally to declare the buildings open, and in doing so we hope that he will make a few remarks. After that His Excellency will probably be interested in seeing through the Laboratories and visiting the farm.

I am, Yours sincerely,

Lt.-Colonel H. C. Henderson,
Military Secretary to the Governor-General.

President.

October 16th, 1917

My dear Mr. Sladen:

I have just received your letter. Will you be kind enough to thank His Excellency for me and to say that I will make a point to be present in Ottawa on Tuesday, October 30th, when His Excellency is to hold the investiture ? Will you also please thank His Excellency on behalf of Lady Falconer and say that she hopes to be able to be with me ?

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Arthur F. Sladen, Esq., C.M.G., C.V.O.,

Government House, Ottawa.

October 17th, 1917

Dear Colonel Henderson:

Dr. Simon Flexner of the Rockefeller Institute, New York, is to be present at the opening of the Connaught Laboratories next Thursday. We have asked him to give an address that evening at 8:30 in the Convocation Hall of the University on "The War Activities of the Rockefeller Institute". I do not wish to request His Excellency to be present on that occasion, because I am aware that he has a great variety of duties, but if he has made no other arrangements, and he would like to be present, we would of course esteem it a high honour to have him favour us with his presence.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Lt.-Colonel H. C. Henderson,

Government House, Ottawa.